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2nd Intel toys

Headline 3: 2nd Intel deployed, families receive gifts

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Family members of 2nd Intelligence Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, received a pleasant surprise this holiday season. They were presented with more than 350 toys and shopping gift cards Dec. 3 for spouses and children of Marines currently deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Gifts were donated by Stan Pinkus, his friends and supporters. Stan delivered the toys to the battalion in his van and trailer and said he and his wife have made donations to units selected by Glen Mayberry, Family Readiness program manager, II MEF Family Readiness Center, since 2001.

“This is the sixth Christmas we’ve made the three-hour trip from Raleigh to Camp Lejeune since Sept. 11. It’s great to see people’s support when they come to donate, and I believe transporting the gifts is the easiest part of the process,” Pinkus said.

Pinkus a Marine veteran previously stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., performs these deeds as a way to give back to the Marine Corps.

“It’s just a small thank you for Marines. I think when the families are taken care of, the troops are in a better state of mind,” Pinkus said.

Capt. Matthew J. Valiquette, battalion officer-in-charge and Family Readiness officer, said these gifts are well deserved for the battalion since they have been deployed to Iraq for the past three Christmas holidays.

Gifts were distributed during the battalion’s Christmas party held at the Jacksonville United Service Organizations building, Dec. 5.

Barb Dozier, Marine Corps Community Services area coordinator, II MEF, put the event together with a Christmas dinner, live disc jockey and arts and crafts for the children. Santa Claus came as the distinguished guest for the children. He passed out gifts and had time to take a picture with every child in attendance. Although there was a large turnout of families and nondeployed personnel, there were still lots of gifts left over.

“Most of the gifts were handed out to children attending. We also set aside a number of gifts for families who could not attend because they live outside the local area,” Valiquette said.

Good deeds like Pinkus’ can help Marines get in the spirit of the holiday season. Marine veterans who give back to the Corps can show the world their selfless character and commitment and help put deployed parents’ worries at ease so they may perform their duties.

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Stan Pinkus, a Marine veteran previously stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., delivers more than 350 donated toys and gift cards Dec. 3 to

2nd Intelligence Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force. The presents were distributed to spouses and children of the deployed battalion during their Christmas party, Dec. 5.

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Capt. Matthew J. Valiquette, officer-in-charge and Family Readiness officer, 2nd Intelligence Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, stands alongside donator Stan Pinkus and the Key Volunteer Advisor with 350 toys and gift cards donated Dec. 3. The toys were given to children during the battalion's Christmas party, Dec. 5, while most of the unit is currently deployed throughout Iraq and Afghanistan.

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JACKSONVILLE, N.C. – Santa Claus delivers gifts to children of 2nd Intelligence Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, at the United Service Organizations building, Dec. 5.

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JACKSONVILLE, N.C. – Master Sgt. Christine Yarmey, maintenance management officer, 2nd Intelligence Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, watches children make holiday arts and crafts during a Christmas party at the United Service Organizations building, Dec. 5. Children were treated to toys and gift cards while many of their parents are serving their third straight holiday season deployed throughout Iraq and Afghanistan.